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Dear Sir:

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charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

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Respectfully submitted,

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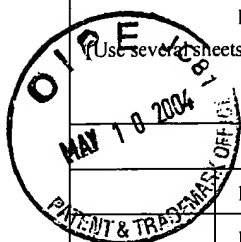
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